

## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shinichi HANDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2879

Application No.:

10/662,805

Examiner:

M. SANTIAGO

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123823

For:

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A LIGHT EMITTING DISPLAY PANEL AND A

LIGHT EMITTING DISPLAY PANEL

## <u>APPLICANTS' SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Santiago in the December 15, 2005 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is provided in the following remarks.

During the personal interview, Applicants' representative argued that claims 1-5 and 18, as set forth in the November 8, 2005 Amendment, patentably distinguish over U.S. Patent No. 5,482,896 to Tang ("Tang"), which was cited in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in the August 8, 2005 Office Action.

In particular, Applicants' representative asserted that Tang fails to teach or suggest a method of manufacturing a light emitting display panel employing a flexible base layer comprising a thin glass sheet and a protective plastic sheet that has sufficient flexibility to be freely rolled and/or curved, as recited in claim 1. The Examiner agreed during the interview that, in view of the amendments and arguments set forth in the November 8, 2005



Amendment, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Tang would be withdrawn.

However, the Examiner indicated that it would be necessary to conduct a further search relating to the claimed subject matter before the application could be allowed.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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